

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2547: A bill to provide for the establishment of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and the Great Sand Dunes National Preserve in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-479).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3022: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District (Rept. No. 106-480).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

H.R. 3023: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey property to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona, for use as an international port of entry (Rept. No. 106-481).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 89: A concurrent resolution recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage (Rept. No. 106-482).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 870: A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to increase the efficiency and accountability of Offices of Inspector General within Federal departments, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3149. A bill to provide for the collection of information relating to nonimmigrant foreign students and other exchange program participants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 3150. A bill to convey certain real property located in Tongass National Forest to Daniel J. Gross, Sr., and Douglas K. Gross, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 3151. A bill to provide for the abatement of noise and other adverse effects of idling train engines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROTH (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. MACK, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. KERREY, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 3152. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for distressed areas, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 3153. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to convey certain excess personal property of the Air Force to Roosevelt General Hospital, Portales, New Mexico; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3154. A bill to establish the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor in the State of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 3155. A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Oskar Schindler and Varian Fry in recognition of their contributions to the Nation and humanity; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. DODD, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. REID):

S. 3156. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to ensure the recovery of the declining biological diversity of the United States, to reaffirm and strengthen the commitment of the United States to protect wildlife, to safeguard the economic and ecological future of children of the United States, and to provide certainty to local governments, communities, and individuals in their planning and economic development efforts; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KERREY, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ABRAHAM, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. Res. 364. A resolution commending Sydney, New South Wales, Australia for its successful conduct of the 2000 Summer Olympic Games and congratulating the United States Olympic Team for its outstanding accomplishments at those Olympic Games; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 365. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding recent elections in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Con. Res. 141. A concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of copies of the publication entitled "The United States Capitol" as a Senate document; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 3150. A bill to convey certain real property located in Tongass National Forest to Daniel J. Gross, Sr., and Douglas K. Gross, and for other pur-

poses; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE HERITAGE LAND TRANSFER ACT OF 2000

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Heritage Land Transfer Act of 2000. This legislation, while inconsequential when compared to many of the issues we deal with in the U.S. Congress, is extremely important to two of my oldest constituents, Douglas and Daniel Gross. These two brothers along with the other members of the Gross family are amongst Alaska's earliest pioneers. These two brothers have spent over 80 years drawing their existence out of the harsh Southeastern Alaskan environment. Through all these years, they managed to raise their families and contributed to building the great State that I have the privilege of representing. I would also point out that Douglas and Daniel Gross served our Nation during World War II at its time of greatest need—now these two veterans need our help to right a wrong that has been vested upon them through no fault of their own.

"The Heritage Land Transfer Act of 2000" directs the Forest Service to convey 160 acres to Daniel and Douglas Gross. This granting of clear title would fix a problem that has plagued the family for the past 20 years. The need for this action arises from the fact that no records remain to substantiate the family's claim that they homesteaded on Greens Point in the 1930's. Family homesteading records were destroyed when the Gross home burned to the ground in 1935-1936 and to make matters worse, the Forest Service is unable to locate any documentation to substantiate the Gross family claim. With neither title nor documentation, Doug and Dan Gross are unable to produce any legal record of ownership to the land their parents homesteaded. The paper records, however, are the only things missing. The Forest Service willingly acknowledges that a large body of evidence exists that clearly establishes the fact that the family built a home on Greens Point in the 1930's, that they grew and sold vegetables from this farmstead, and that they were good neighbors to many people caught out in our famous Alaskan storms. While the family and the Forest Service have searched in vain for written records, there is one piece of physical evidence to substantiate the family claim. On September 11, 1989, Alaska State Senator Robin Taylor traveled to the Gross property on the Stikine River for the purpose of locating a witness tree which would provide objective proof to the Gross family claim of homestead. In a letter Senator Taylor sent to Richard Kohrt, Wrangell District Ranger, Tongass National Forest he wrote "I was present when Mr. Bungy, United States Forest Service specialist, sawed and chopped open the large spruce tree which the Gross